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Rep. Swearigen's Response to the State of the State Address

MADISON... State Representative Rob Swearigen (R- Rhinelander) made the following statement after Governor Tony Evers' State of the State address in the Assembly Chamber on Tuesday evening.

"I feel that the progress made in Wisconsin has little to do with the governor and everything to do with GOP leadership in legislature. Without Republicans on the Joint Committee on Finance over the past several years, we would not be able to talk about a \$3.8 billion surplus.

"Our state is slowly bouncing back from COVID-19, but there is much more work to be done.

"I have been disappointed with how the Evers administration has failed to deal with widespread issues. In his whole speech, he never mentioned law enforcement, community safety, or the huge workforce shortage that every industry in Wisconsin is dealing with. He has never been transparent or willing to work with the legislature on anything.

"The governor has billions of dollars at his sole discretion and his speech proved that the only thing he seems to use that money for is votes. His State of the State address sounded more like a campaign speech than anything else.

"Last night, the governor took credit for the grit and resilience of Wisconsinites, he took credit for the accomplishments of Republican legislation, and he took credit for responsible conservative budgeting. Despite this, I will continue working tirelessly to address and represent the needs of the Northwoods and ensure that your state government works for you—regardless of who gets the praise"

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Representative Swearigen represents the 34th Assembly District, which includes the Northwoods counties of Oneida, Vilas, Florence and portions of Forest.